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In re Application of : Troy Ussery et al.
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Title : ELECTRONIC COMMERCE SYSTEMS FOR PROVIDING
COMMERCIAL INFORMATION VIA A GLOBAL
COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK AND METHODS OF
OPERATING THE SAME
Art Group Unit : 3625
Examiner : Robert E. Rhode, Jr.

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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.198 and 1.114**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.198 and 1.114 the Applicants are submitting a Preliminary Amendment and Request for Continued Examination ("Amendment") following a February 10, 2006 Decision (the "Decision") by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (the "Board") that affirmed the Examiner's rejection of Claims 1-20. This Preliminary Amendment and Request for Continued Examination is filed on April 10, 2006 within the two month time period for responding to the Board's Decision of February 10, 2006. The fees required for filing this Amendment are dealt with in an accompanying transmittal letter.